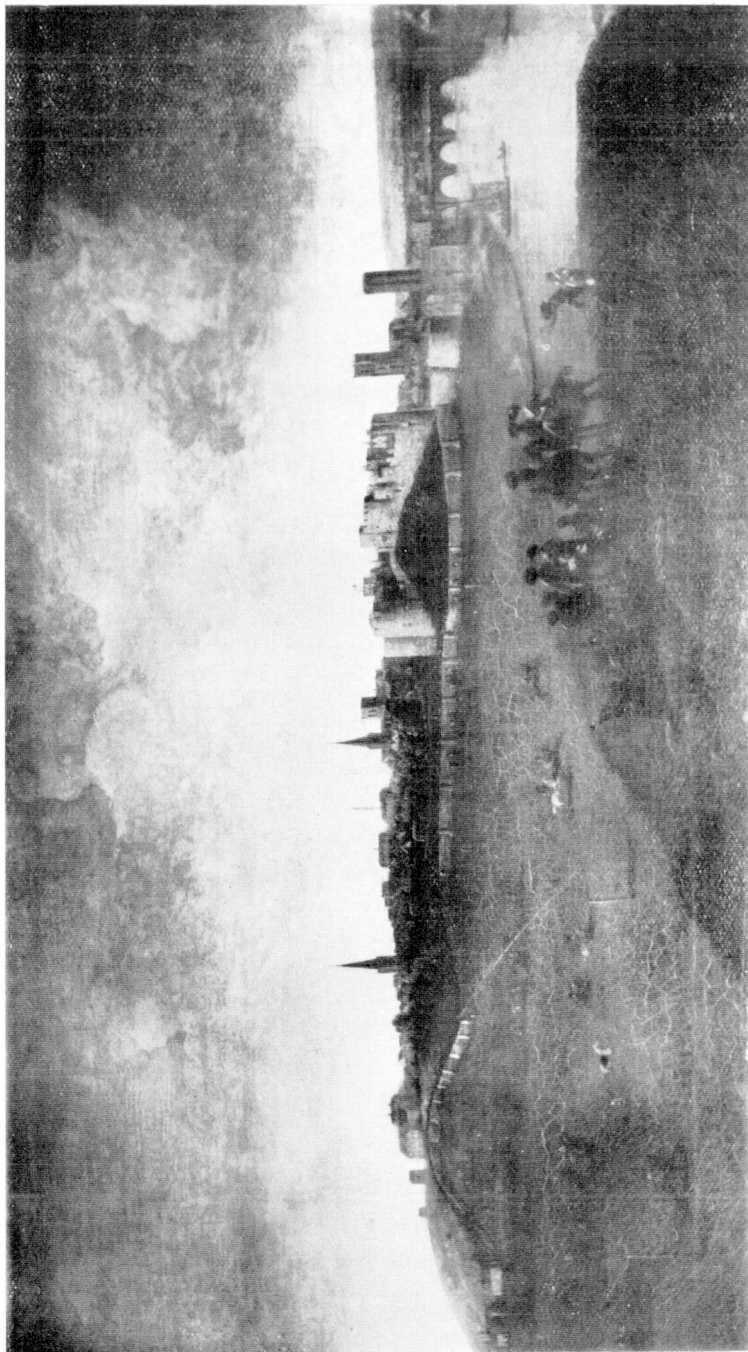


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Preface.



HIS history of the Siege of Chester during the Civil War is published by the Chester and North Wales Archæological Society with the permission of the executors of the late Canon R. H. Morris, who have generously presented his manuscripts and notes to the Society's library. These include transcripts and abstracts from the manuscripts in the muniment room of the corporation of the city of Chester, and miscellaneous notes from documents and manuscripts in various repositories, material obviously collected for a second instalment of his history of Chester, a volume on the Stuart period. Apart from the present work, however, Canon Morris does not appear to have written anything intended as a continuation of his former volume on the Plantagenet and Tudor reigns.

The manuscript as left by Canon Morris covers the entire period of the siege and is, as far as it goes, complete with documentary transcripts and notes. It has been divided into chapters, the first six of which closely follow the manuscript. From the battle of Rowton Heath onward some liberties had to be taken and original research entailed in order to make the narrative more intelligible and complete. The labour thus involved has been entrusted to the capable hands of Mr. P. H. Lawson, who has placed the Society, the city of Chester, and indeed the whole

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